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# P R O G R A M

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<b>7:30 – 8:15</b>	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:15 – 8:30</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <i>R. Dabney Eastham and Georgann Grunebach (Los Angeles)</i> <i>R. Dabney Eastham and D. Ben Borson (San Francisco)</i>
<b>8:30 – 9:30</b>	<b>Introduction to the Patent Office</b> Physical and Organizational Arrangement of the Office; the Movement of Applications through the System; EFS-Web; the Search and Examination Process; Supervision of Examiners: Performance Requirements and Appraisals; Quality Control <i>Mr. Andrew Faile, Director of Technology Center 2600</i>
<b>9:30 – 9:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>9:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Update on Patent Rule Changes</b> Accelerated Examination and Other New Rules, Status and Overview of Proposed Continuation Practice, Representative Claims, and Information Disclosure Statements Rules Packages; Harmonization of Patent Procedures with JPO; Preview of Possible Changes such as Pre-FOAM Interviews in Cases other than Accelerated Examination, Multi-Tiered Patents, and Deferred Examination <i>Ms. Joni Chang, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration</i> <i>Mr. Andrew Faile, Director of Technology Center 2600</i>
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>The Prima Facie Case of Obviousness: Changes to Guidelines for Examination in Light of KSR</b> <i>Hon. Michael R. Fleming, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences</i>
<b>12:00 – 1:30</b>	<b>Lunch and Keynote Address:</b> <b>The USPTO's Strategic Plan 2007-2012</b> <i>Hon. John Love, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy.</i>
<b>1:30 – 1:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>

# SCHEDULE

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**1:45 – 2:30**

**Making Effective Use of the Appeals Process and Discussion of the Virtual Hearing Room**

*Hon. Michael R. Fleming, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences*

**2:30 – 3:30**

**Helpful Hints from Examiners**

Common Mistakes that Practitioners Make in Preparing and Prosecuting Applications, as Seen by the Examining Corps, and What Practitioners Can Do to Make the Process Work the Best for their Clients

*Mr. Andrew Faile, Director of Technology Center 2600*

**3:30 – 3:45**

**BREAK**

**3:45 – 4:45**

**Practitioners and Discipline**

The Top Ten Actions or Inactions that Result in Discipline of Patent Practitioners, Followed by Discussion of the Forthcoming Changes to Procedures Regarding Disciplinary Procedure, Annual Fees, Continuing Legal Education, and Rules of Professional Responsibility for Patent Practitioners

*Mr. James A. Toupin, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel*

**4:45 – 5:00**

**Closing Remarks**

*R. Dabney Eastham and Georgann Grunebach (Los Angeles)*

*R. Dabney Eastham and D. Ben Borson (San Francisco)*

**5:00–6:00**

**Hosted Networking Reception**

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